

Hubert Hickam Dies; Founder Of Law Firm

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Hubert Hickam, 86, 4000 North Meridian Street, nationally known trial lawyer and a founding partner in the law firm of Barnes, Hickam, Pantzer and Boyd, died

Tuesday in a local nursing home. 5/24

Mr. Hickam, son and brother of attorneys, was selected to serve as chairman of the American Bar Association's Antitrust Section in 1958.

He also was selected by the Joint Committee on Continuing Legal Education of

the American Law Institute and the American Bar Association to write one of two committee-published handbooks dealing with trial preparation in civil actions.

HIS BOOK, "A Civil Action — From Pleadings to Opening of Trial," was sold by the committee to trial lawyers and law schools throughout the United States



and was favorably reviewed in the American Bar Association Journal and other legal periodicals.

In 1963, when the committee decided to publish a new book, "Preparation for Trial," to replace both of the books originally published, Mr. Hickam was selected as one of two co-authors.

Mr. Hickam was born April 19, 1892, to Willis and Sarah Meek Hickam at Spencer.

He was graduated from Indiana University Law School in 1913, in a class known for its number of famous men. The class included Wendell L. Willkie, the 1940 Republican Presidential nominee, and Paul V. McNutt, former Indiana governor and high commissioner to the Philippines.

UPON GRADUATION, Mr. Hickam joined his father in the law firm of Hickam & Hickam at Spencer. In 1919, the younger Mr. Hickam moved to Indianapolis, where he was to practice law and live the rest of his life.

Mr. Hickam was a first lieutenant in Quartermaster Corps with the Army during World War I.

He joined Noel, Hickam & Boyd in 1923, a law firm which became Noel, Hickam, Boyd & Armstrong in 1926.

Mr. Hickam practiced law with that firm until 1940, when he was a founding partner of Barnes, Hickam, Pantzer and Boyd. The prestigious firm, with offices in the Merchants National Bank building, has nearly 60 attorneys.

ANOTHER FOUNDER, Alan W. Boyd, said of Mr. Hickam: "To describe only his professional skill, outstanding as it was, falls far short of presenting the full picture of Hubert Hickam as a lawyer and as a man.

"As a lawyer, he never deviated from the highest ethical standards of his profession. As a man, he was a warm human being, interested in many things outside of his profession."

Mr. Hickam was a member of the Indiana General Assembly in 1915. He was a member of the Alumni Board of Visitors of School of Law at Indiana University from 1964 to 1975.

In 1967, Mr. Hickam was the recipient of the Indiana University Distinguished Alumni Award.

HE WAS chairman of the Alien Enemy Hearing Board for the Southern District of Indiana in 1941, and was a Selective Service Appeal Agent during World War II.

He was chairman of the attorneys' division of the United Fund campaign in 1963.

Mr. Hickam was a past president of the Indianapolis Bar Association and was a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Professionally, Mr. Hickam was a member of the American Law Institute and its Joint Committee on Continuing Legal Education; the Bar Association of the Seventh Federal Circuit; the National Association of Railroad Trial Lawyers; and the American, Indiana State and Indianapolis bar associations.

MR. HICKAM also was a member of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion; Phi Kappa Psi fraternity; Second Presbyterian Church; Masonic Lodge; Woodstock Club; and University Club.

He was a past president of the Contemporary Club and a former member of Traders Point Hunt. His principal recrea-

tion was horseback riding.

Mr. Hickam was a brother of the late Willis Hickam, a Spencer and Bloomington attorney and a former I.U. trustee who died in February, and Lt. Col. Horace M. Hickam, who was killed in 1934 in an airplane crash at Fort Crockett, Texas, and for whom Hickam Air Force Base at Honolulu, Hawaii, was named.

MEMORIAL contributions may be made to the I.U. School of Law at Bloomington, through Indiana University Foundation; the Indianapolis Museum of Art; Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra; or a favorite charity.

His first wife, Ruth Moffett Hickam, died in 1935.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Elizabeth Randolph Hickam; two daughters, Mrs. Audley (Barbara) Wasson of Dayton, Ohio, and Mrs. Elizabeth W. Adams of Carmel; a son, James P. Woods Jr. of Morristown, N.J.; and a sister, Mrs. Morna Knipe of Kokomo.